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West Coast claims hearings start Aug. 30

SENATE PASSES \$113,000 FOR CLAIMS PAYMENT

Washington

The sum of \$113,154.51 for payment of evacuation claims was included in a supplemental deficiency appropriation bill passed by the Senate last week, reported Mike Masaoka, Washington Representative of the Japanese American Citizens League.

The measure, which is a consolidation of several similar bills recently introduced, includes the appropriation of funds to pay 23 claimants of adjudicated evacuation claims awarded under the JACL-sponsored 1948 Japanese Evacuation Claims Act.

Previously, the amounts to pay the 23 claimants were reported from the Washington JACL Office in two separate measures, which have now been combined.

Awards Consolidated

The \$113,154.51 includes payment of \$38,359.63 for evacuation claims awarded early in June and \$74,785.88 for 14 similar awards made in April and May of this year.

"Consolidation of the supplemental deficiency appropriation measures was made in an all-out effort to secure congressional approval of the money-paying bills before adjournment," explained Masaoka. "Unless Congress approves this bill prior to its new tentative adjournment date of Aug. 14, the 23 Japanese claimants will not receive payment until sometime in 1955."

The JACL has supported supplemental deficiency appropriation bills in Congress in order that the Japanese recipients of the evacuation claims program would be assured of payment for their wartime losses in evacuation.

All evacuation claims awards in excess of \$2,500 are considered in these separate supplemental deficiency appropriation measures.

WEST FRESNO AREA MAY BE RE-ZONED

Fresno

Recent reports from city officials have designated the West Fresno area between the new freeway under construction along D St. and the Southern Pacific railroad yards as an industrial zone.

As this move will affect many Issei and Nisei in the area, a mass meeting was called this week to discuss this proposal.

The same area is being eyed by the railroads as a site for a new union depot.

Miss Japan may study modelling in S.F. school

San Francisco

Mieko Kondo, Japan's candidate in the recent Miss Universe contest, is planning to enter a charm school here for a month or two in order to do modelling in Japan.

She is staying at the home of her aunt here. She concluded a week's tour of Central California, making appearances in Fresno and Bakersfield.



Gracious hosts at the Town Hubs garden party last Sunday at Herb Murayama's residence in Southwest Los Angeles were Dr. Toru Iura (left), chairman of the JACL Convention Mixer Committee, and Herb Murayama, (extreme right) by the buffet table. The young ladies are very popular in the Southland today—Janet Fukuda, Miss National JACL of 1954, and her two ladies-in-waiting, Mary Enomoto and Janet Okimoto. —George Waki Photo.

SUBSTITUTE MEASURE OFFERED FOR RETURN OF VESTED PROPERTY

Washington

Offering a substitute measure to the so-called Dirksen Return Bill, Sen. Earle C. Clements (D., Ky.) introduced a bill to return all vested Japanese and German property to their former owners with a maximum return of \$10,000, according to Mike Masaoka, Washington Representative of the Japanese American Citizens League.

The Clements substitute bill would give "as a matter of grace" the wartime vested property back to their former Japanese and German owners in full value up to a \$10,000 limit.

For property and assets in excess of the \$10,000 limit, the former owners would receive the maximum return amount of \$10,000 as a complete return.

92% Affected

According to figures recently disclosed by the Office of Alien Property, custodians of the vested property, the Clements substitute measure would return almost 92 per cent of the individual accounts in full value to their former owners. The other 8 per cent of the former owners, having claims in excess of \$10,000 would have only a partial return by the bill.

Since a few of the large German claims comprise more than 50 per cent of the total value of the assets vested, about 25 per cent of the assets would be returned by the Clements substitute bill.

Masaoka, who had testified before Congress for the return of all Japanese vested property, had requested that the return be based on the full value of the assets seized in the wartime Government action.

Small Scale Return

The JACL Representative had also suggested that the return program be initiated on a small scale if Congress could not enact legislation to return all of the property at full value at this time. His small scale program proposal was to return insurance benefits, bequests, bank accounts, trusts, annuities,

inheritances and other small assets in full value to their former owners.

Masaoka further proposed that the larger business assets be returned in full value to their former owners as soon as the technical and administrative difficulties can be solved for their return.

Sen. Hendrickson objects to Dirksen Return Bill

Washington

Objecting to return of Japanese and German wartime vested property, Sen. Robert C. Hendrickson (R., N.J.) submitted a Senate Subcommittee minority report in direct opposition to the so-called Dirksen Return Bill.

Sen. Everett M. Dirksen, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on the Office of Alien Property, had introduced a bill to return all Japanese and German vested property to their former owners.

Mike Masaoka, Washington Representative of the Japanese American Citizens League, testified before the Dirksen Subcommittee in support of the return measure.

No Executive Endorsement

Declaring "unalterable opposition" to the Dirksen Return Bill, Sen. Hendrickson particularly stressed the written reports from the Bureau of the Budget, the State Department and the Justice Department in his arguments.

All of the executive agencies endorsed the principle of return of the vested property but withheld specific endorsement of the Dirksen Return Bill.

In his minority report Senator Hendrickson indicated that the Attorney General had vested German and Japanese property totaling approximately one-half billion dollars in value, now in the custody of the Office of Alien Property. "Much

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Two days for San Francisco, three in Los Angeles scheduled

Washington

Public hearings on the Hillings Amendment to the evacuation claims law will be held in California during the week of Aug. 30, Rep. Patrick J. Hillings (R., Calif.) informed the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

The author of the JACL-sponsored amendment to expedite the determination of the remaining larger evacuation claims made the announcement following conferences with Rep. Edgar A. Jonas, chairman of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Claims; which will conduct the hearings.

The hearings will open in San Francisco Monday morning Aug. 30 and will continue through that day and the next.

The hearings will then be concluded in Los Angeles, beginning Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 1, and ending Friday evening, Sept. 3.

Open to Public

Both the San Francisco and Los Angeles hearings will probably be held in the Federal Courthouse buildings and open to the public.

In addition to the chairman, Congressman Jonas, the following members of the Claims Subcommittee will participate:

Usher L. Burdick (R., N.D.); William E. Miller (R., N.Y.); Thomas J. Lane (D., Mass.); and Peter W. Rodino (D., N.J.).

Walter Lee, legislative assistant, and Cyril Brickfield, counsel, will also participate in the hearings.

JACL to Cooperate

Because the JACL has been more intimately connected with the program than any other organization, the JACL has been invited by the Subcommittee to cooperate in the California hearings, Mike Masaoka, Washington representative, declared after conference with Chairman Jonas, legislative assistant Lee, and counsel Brickfield.

Masaoka indicated that spokesmen for the Pacific Northwest will be heard in San Francisco, along with those for Northern California.

Convention Delegates

Because of the National JACL Convention in Los Angeles beginning Sept. 2, Masaoka said that the Subcommittee would be able to hear witnesses from New York City, Chicago, Den-

ver, and Salt Lake City, in addition to those from Central and Southern California and Arizona.

"By having witnesses from all over the country testify, the Subcommittee should be able to see the complete national picture on this program and the urgent necessity for the passage of the Hillings Amendment," Masaoka said.

"These hearings should also enable the larger claimants and their attorneys to present the various aspects of their respective claims," Masaoka stated.

Senate passes over bill to return vested property

PC Bureau Special:

Washington

The Senate last Wednesday passed over the so-called Dirksen Return Bill when George Smathers (D., Fla.), raised the lone objection.

The bill was placed on the unanimous consent calendar for action and a single dissent was sufficient for preventing passage.

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Five U.S. delegates named for world Buddhist confab

San Francisco

Five delegates from the Buddhist Churches of America will be present at the third World Buddhist Conference in Rangoon Nov. 10-13, it was announced by Hitoshi Tsufura of the BCA headquarters here.

The Rev. Kenryo Kumata, Nisei priest at Los Angeles Nishi Hongwanji, heads the delegation, which is leaving this week for Japan. Other members of the group are:

Rev. Chonen Terakaw, formerly Salt Lake City; Rev. Ejitsu Hoji, Stockton; and Rev. Bunphy Kawatsuki, Sushin Los Angeles; and Laverne Sasaki.

Sasaki, son of Rev. and Mrs. Senshou Sasaki of Sacramento, is now studying Buddhism at the Tokyo University and will return to Tokyo on the culmination of the conference, but the other four will return by way of Europe.

The BCA was represented at the previous World Buddhist Conference in Japan in 1952 by two Central California Bussei lay leaders, Dr. Kikuo Taira of Fresno and Manabu Fukuda of Clovis.

Mistake costs house

Livingston

When a farmhand mistakenly poured gasoline instead of kerosene in an oil-burning stove, and then lighting it, an uncontrollable fire ensued to burn down completely the home of Atsushi Hamaguchi here last week. The fire department was called but to no avail.

90-year-old pioneer gets naturalized

Oakland

Gentaro Kotashiro, 89, among the few Issei pioneers who came to America over 60 years ago, recently naturalized a citizen and was in San Francisco to file a notice of expatriation with the Japanese Consulate General.

Born Feb. 3, 1865, in Iwate prefecture, he arrived here in 1890 and spent most of his life farming in Winters, Calif. He recalled paying \$20 an acre for wooded mountain land that he cleared himself for a farm in 1904. Thirty years later, it was some 108 acres, but the depression wiped him out.

In San Francisco prior to evacuation, he returned after the war and became sexton at the West 10th Methodist Church here.

Adjournment Delay

MIKE MASAOKA

Last weekend, as the House impatiently waited to adjourn for the year, extensive debate droned on in the Senate on the controversial farm program. Behind the legislative logjam that was building up, Majority Leader Knowland's target date of Aug. 14 for adjournment appeared doomed.

Discussion on the farm bill was strictly "for the record", for the "folks back home", and was not expected to change a single vote. It was time consuming but not a filibuster, as the legislators tried to build up their record for the coming November elections.

The Conference Report on the atomic energy bill that provoked a record Senate debate and several subversive control bills that the Administration wanted may prove to be substantial roadblocks to adjournment this weekend.

And, like the sword of Damocles, the proposal to censure Senator McCarthy hangs over the Senate.

Once the legislative work is completed, whether it be this week or in several weeks, in order to allow House members to return home to campaign, it is expected that unprecedented arrangements would be worked out to permit the House to adjourn *sine die* while the Senate recesses for a month or more to await the recommendations of the special six-man committee on the McCarthy censure resolution, under the proposed special arrangements with the House, it cannot consider any legislative proposal. When this matter is completed, the Senate will then adjourn *sine die* until next January, when the 84th Congress convenes.

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As of Aug. 8, when this Newsletter was written, here's the way the congressional docket shapes up:

FARM BILL—Acting GOP Leader Saltonstall predicted Senate passage by Monday night but Democrats thought that it would extend through Tuesday. Then, in order to reconcile differences between the House and Senate versions, a Conference would have to be held and then both Houses would again have to vote on the final measure.

"CONSENT CALENDAR"—There are more than 600 minor bills on the so-called unanimous "consent calendar" to be called Tuesday or Wednesday, depending on when the farm bill is passed. Although a single objection is sufficient to block any of these bills, it will take at least a day to debate those which escape objection.

SOCIAL SECURITY—The Senate has not yet passed House-approved bills to expand both the old-age retirement and the unemployment compensation systems. Undoubtedly, this measure will also have to go to Conference before final enactment.

DEBT LIMIT—The Senate must pass the six billion dollar temporary increase in the debt limit recommended by its Finance Committee and send it to Conference with the House, which voted a year ago for a permanent 15 billion dollar increase up to a \$290 billion debt ceiling.

FOREIGN AID—Both Houses must act on a Conference Report on an enabling act, after which the Senate will have to take up the separate foreign aid appropriations bill. Another House-Senate Conference to compromise the differences in appropriations is expected.

RIVER, HARBOR, AND FLOOD CONTROL—The House has passed an omnibus billion dollar authorization bill which the Senate has yet to act upon. The usual Conference on House and Senate differences on amounts and projects is anticipated.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS—Both Houses must act on a Conference Report on nearly two billion dollars for just about every Government agency. Democrats charge that the GOP deliberately scaled down their fiscal budget estimates in order to make an economy record when in actuality they were holding back on needed administrative funds to hide them in supplementary requests.

GOVERNMENT SALARIES—Pay increase bills for postal and classified employees are ready for consideration in both Houses, with Administration leaders trying to tack on a postal rate increase rider on any pay raises to be given to government workers.

ATOMIC ENERGY BILL—Opponents of the Conference Report on what may be the most controversial measure of the session, will try to send it back to Conference for further revision of the provisions relating to government control over private patents for peace-time use of atomic energy. Though another "filibuster" is not anticipated, a day or more of extensive discussion is expected.

SUBVERSIVE CONTROLS—Six bills to control subversive activities are on the docket.

The House and Senate have passed different versions of a bill to authorize congressional committees to grant witnesses immunity under certain conditions. A Conference is trying to iron out the differences.

A Senate committee is considering House passed legislation to provide Congress and its committees to cite witnesses for contempt directly to the courts.

The same Senate committee is also considering another House passed bill which would permit the use of wiretap evidence in treason, espionage, and related trials in Federal Courts under certain conditions.

The Senate may consider a House approved measure to make peacetime espionage punishable by death.

The Senate may also consider a House passed act to revoke the citizenship of persons, native-born or naturalized, convicted of conspiring to overthrow the government by force or violence.

The Senate may act upon its bill to require registration of Communist-infiltrated labor unions and other organizations. The House has not acted on any similar bills.

PERU-JAPANESE REFUGEE STATUS NEAR APPROVAL

PC Bureau Special: Washington

A lone objection raised by Sen. Albert Gore (D., Tenn.), official objector for the Democrats in the Senate, was sufficient last Wednesday to have the Senate pass over the measure to amend the Refugee Relief Act to include Peruvian Japanese in the "adjustment of status" section.

Washington

Another step along the long road to permanent residence for Peruvian Japanese was achieved last week when the Senate Judiciary Committee approved a bill to amend the Refugee Relief Act to include the Peruvian Japanese in its remedial provisions.

Mike Masaoka, Nisei lobbyist in Washington, who has been in consultation with Committee members, noted that this favorable Senate Judiciary Committee action clears the way for full Senate consideration.

Peruvian Japanese in the Los Angeles and Seabrook (N.J.) areas requested the Nisei lobbyist to prevent their deportation to Japan—a country which many of them have never known.

Due Senate Action

The remedial legislation, which has now been scheduled for Senate debate and vote within the next few days, would enable several hundred Peruvian Japanese to remain in the United States as permanent residents and cancel their outstanding deportation orders, Masaoka explained.

During World War II, the United States Government accepted these Japanese from Peru for internment "for the duration", but the Peruvian Government has steadfastly refused to permit them to return to their former homes and property in Peru.

Last year when the House Judiciary Committee was considering amending the "adjustment of status" section of the Refugee Relief Act, Masaoka intervened and requested that Peruvian Japanese refugees be included.

Measure Amended

The House Committee accepted Masaoka's recommendations and the House passed the amendatory legislation.

While approving the same bill, the Senate Judiciary Committee further amended the measure, but kept intact those sections relating to Peruvian Japanese. Full Senate consideration is anticipated in the near future.

IN HONOR OF

Dr. Fujio Matsuda, who participated in the 1951 Eniwetok and 1952 Nevada atomic bomb tests, is vacationing with his family here before leaving in September to assure a research assistant's post at the Univ. of Illinois. He recently received his doctorate in civil engineering at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Tayeko Nakagawa, 1953 Phoenix Union High School graduate, was announced as the Arizona JACL nominee for the Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka Memorial Scholarship. She was a member of the National Honor Society, B-Square club, and served on various student-body posts.

NOTICES

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Nisei Management Trainee

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Tokyo Topics . . . by Tamotsu Murayama

A day at Seabrook farms

(Tamotsu Murayama, touring the United States after completing his studies at Boy Scouts of American summer training camp near New York, is scheduled to visit the Pacific Northwest and come southward in time to be present at the National JACL Convention, Sept. 2-6 at Los Angeles.)
—Editor.)

Seabrook, N.J.

There is no other place in the world that publishes a journal for its employees in five different languages except here at Seabrook Farms, where the Seabrook Villager is printed in English, Japanese, Polish, German and Estonian.

It should be added that there are also Chinese, Indians, Iraqis, Danes, Norwegians, Italians, Jamaicans and Japanese from Peru working at the Farm, side by side, and living in well-built semi-permanent housing.

Seabrook Farm covers some 50,000 acres. It was founded by Charles F. Seabrook and said to be the largest farming-freezing operation in the world. Over 3,000 workers are engaged during peak seasons, manning farm equipment and packing machines around the clock 24 hours.

As many as 2,000 Japanese Americans were employed at the Farm back in 1946, the peak year in term of employment for families leaving relocation centers. Today there are some 200 families for a total of 900 men, women and children.

Among the well-known leaders are Vernon Ichisaka, 42, and George Sakamoto, 43.

Ichisaka, a pre-war California chemist and soil expert, is a devoted scoutmaster and is scoutmaster of Troop 47 here—outstanding for its international make-up. He is also a JACLer from the founding days.

Sakamoto hails from Placer County, Calif., where he was once JACL chapter president, and spearheaded the movement out of relocation camps to this

Murayama talks to group in Denver

Denver

Tamotsu Murayama, city editor of the Nippon Times was honored last Saturday night, at a dinner attended by some 30 Issei and Nisei at the Cathay Post. S. Nomura, former co-worker on the San Francisco Hokubei Asahi of pre-war years, acted as toastmaster.

Following the dinner, Murayama spoke to about 100 people at the Buddhist Church, relating his experiences during the war, and discussing the unsatisfactory effect of women in politics in Japan, the influence of communism in labor unions and youth movements, the bare subsistence levels of industries in Japan, and importance of maintaining Japan as a bulwark against the Red menace in the Pacific.

Besides having been a pioneer
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Very Truly Yours by Harry Honda

Mmm—burgundy beef

A majority of our PC columnists have commented on a very savory subject—food—at one time or another. This week, it's my turn after being guest on two occasions recently . . . An old grammar-school chum, now of Chicago, treated his cronies to one of his exotic dinners last week . . . Frank Katada manned the kitchen all afternoon to prepare a specialty of his: burgundy beef—man-size chunks of beef stewed for several hours over a slow fire in a pot with two bottle-fulls of burgundy wine, mushrooms, onions and spices . . . As a starter, fresh pineapple and grapefruit cocktail flavored with crushed mint leaves and a dash of gin evoked a round of "mmm's" that didn't quit till the last drop of Kona coffee was put away with ice cream topped with delicious strawberries . . . There's a new type of lettuce on the market that's crispy and tasty for the mixed green salad we had garnished by a special wine and vinegar concoction . . . Even the known

farm. Seabrook and his three sons, who manage the huge operation, long recognized the ability of Japanese farmers and their diligence and sincerity.

The day 126 Japanese took their naturalization oath last year in June, it commanded national attention. Many of the Japanese pioneers taking allegiance to the United States were past their 70th birthday.

At the time, the Bridgeton Evening News commented editorially:

"It was 10 years ago when the first Japanese came into the community during the dark era in our history and with a great war raging on two fronts. It was not easy for these internees to assume their duties as farm workers at Seabrook under conditions which prevailed at the time.

"Yet, it must be said, that they were treated, for the most part, with respect by the people, despite the war and as time went on and the Japanese showed such outstanding traits as law-abiding residents, the little tensions seem to disappear.

"There was even admiration expressed at the excellent habits of the Japanese, then about 2,500 in number. Their children made fine students and capable athletes. The parents were steady, industrious.

"That was the start of a solid foundation of excellent Japanese-American relationship in Bridgeton and Seabrook. After the war, some of our Japanese neighbors departed for their homes on the West Coast, but still many remained to work at Seabrook Farms and to raise their families here.

"Their record continues to reflect the highest type of citizenship.

"The obstacles overcome by our Japanese neighbors constitute an example of steadfastness and determination. Now 126 nationals have become American citizens and no doubt, they will enjoy the privilege and respect of laws of freedom as fully as they did without having the real benefits."

Fukuji Sasaki is generally called "Mayor" here. He is over 70 years of age but still assumes active leadership in various undertakings at the Farm.

Mary Kubota, formerly of Salinas, Calif., a chemist at the laboratory here, is but one of the many Nisei working at the Farm as secretaries, chemists, soil experts and section foremen.

They are playing an important role here in midst of some 1,400 displaced persons—mostly Estonian and German—who fled during wartime to establish their first homes in America.

light-eaters at the table did not refuse second helpings of burgundy beef . . . And chef Katada was on vacation at that.

Recently-wed Ryo and Henry Suzuki of Pasadena had some prime ribs the other night . . . I've been to many eating houses along Charcoal Row (once called Restaurant Row or La Cienega Blvd. in Beverly Hills), but Ryo's touch with the new stove can match any of the slices you'd get on La Cienega . . . I can taste still these two delightful meals.

While on this delectable topic, the JACL convention committee reports such dishes as breast of chicken supreme au jambon de Virginie and prime ribs are entrees at the banquets . . . There are two luncheons and two meals at the outing included in the \$30 package deal for delegates and boosters . . . Until the next delicious meal, I'm afraid food won't be mentioned in this corner.

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Now that Hawaii has been rebuffed again in its campaign for statehood, will there be any shift in next year's strategy?

The answer apparently is no. Those most directly connected with statehood strategy advocate pushing ahead in Congress as before, for reasons which they consider to be based on sound logic and sense.

The answer assumes that the people of Hawaii, or at least a majority of them, still want statehood and are willing to work toward that goal. To be sure, there is much disappointment and frustration expressed here over failure of this Congress to pass the statehood bill.

In a way, it can be said that the Hawaiian Statehood bill has already been approved by both the Senate and the House of Representatives. The House passed the Hawaii bill in the spring of 1953, and the Senate did likewise on April 1 this year but with Alaska tied to Hawaii. This linking action in effect snuffed the life out of Hawaiian statehood because, with Alaska attached, the joint statehood bill became unacceptable to the White House and the House leadership. They are adamantly opposed to Alaska statehood, period.

Senate Majority Leader William Knowland gave up the fight first, when he said time was running out for the Senate to consider statehood because of the filibuster over the atomic energy bill recently. Then the coup de grace was delivered by the House Rules Committee when it decided in executive session not to take up a resolution to send the statehood bill to a Senate-House conference.

Why are the statehood leaders at home convinced that the way to attain statehood is to pursue the old course of action?

Gov. Samuel Wilder King, the leading champion of the statehood fight, pointed out that actually Hawaii has conducted an active campaign to become the 49th state only since 1935, even though Hawaii has been an American Territory since 1900.

Nevertheless, the Governor said, Hawaii has made tremendous progress in that short period toward achieving statehood. The Territory came closer to its goal this time than in any previous session of Congress.

"We should try the normal approach at least for the next Congress," the Governor said. "If we haven't succeeded in that time, then something else might be done."

Several members of the Hawaii Statehood Commission—the agency created by the Territorial Legislature to promote statehood—agreed with the Governor's view at a meeting last week. No one took an opposite stand, but one commissioner offers the suggestion (not his own) that since Hawaii was being denied statehood, the people of the Territory should be exempted from paying Federal taxes like Puerto Rico, until Congress grants statehood.

Former Gov. Oren E. Long, who was invited to the meeting, called the idea a "very doubtful strategy."

"The tide is running with us (on statehood) on the mainland," Long said in reporting on his observations during a Mainland trip from which he has just returned. He remarked that "anything that is drastic or radical might be the wrong thing" in view of the favorable public opinion towards statehood on the Mainland generally, particularly as it is reflected in newspaper editorials.

Arthur Woolaway, of the Statehood Commission, called the suggestion a "negative approach" and therefore not to be recommended.

The proposal was criticized also by C. Nils Tavares, chairman of the Statehood Commission. "It would be interpreted by our enemies in Congress that we are using statehood merely as a blind for avoiding payment of taxes," he asserted.

The tax-exemption proposal is being strenuously promoted by a small minority who believe Hawaii should seek Commonwealth status like Puerto Rico, and abandon the statehood fight. Commonwealth advocates include Mrs. Helen Hale, who was defeated as a candidate for Delegate to Congress by Mrs. Betty Farrington in a special election on July 31; former Gov. Ingram M. Stainback, and a Honolulu attorney named J. Harold Hughes, claiming to have support of unnamed businessmen.

Although the Commonwealth proposal is being advanced as a means of avoiding payment of Federal taxes, no Commonwealth advocate has made it clear yet whether (1) such a tax-remission plan is constitutional for an incorporated territory like Hawaii, as contrasted with a possession like Puerto Rico, and (2) whether there is any assurance Congress would grant such a privilege to Hawaii if it became a Commonwealth.

Pick-up truck overturned, two riders hurt as colliders flee afoot

Fresno

A pick-up truck driven by Tadao Masuda, 547 F St., overturned on its right side after being struck Aug. 4 by another vehicle at Kern and H St.

Mrs. Masuda suffered minor abrasions, and their son Takuo received serious injuries to his right hand as a result of the accident.

The sedan which struck the pickup continued 160 feet east on H St. before the driver stopped and he and his two companions abandoned the vehicle and fled on foot. The police are seeking the occupants of the hit and run car.

Dirksen bill—

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of the property has been liquidated and converted into cash, \$210 million of which has been paid over to the war claims fund," he said.

Retaliation Possible

The Senator from New Jersey then added that Section 29 of the Trading with the Enemy Act provides "that no vested property or interest of Germany or Japan or their nationals shall be returned to the former owners and that the United States shall not pay compensation for any such property or interest therein.

"The Bonn Convention of 1952 entered into between this Government and West Germany reaffirmed this principle and was accepted by West Germany. The Japanese Treaty also recognizes our right to the retention of this property."

Recalling that the United States is encouraging private investments abroad to bolster the economics of free nations, Masaoka noted that the Hendrickson report, if followed by Congress would invite other nations to confiscate American property abroad.

25,000 Japanese to lose job with U.S. garrison

Tokyo

As many as 25,000 Japanese workers will lose their jobs with the U.S. garrison forces through withdrawal of troops from Hokkaido and a cut in the Army budget, it was reported by the Nippon Times. No withdrawal date was revealed, but Far East Commander Gen. John E. Hull has announced the First Cavalry Division would be moved to Kyushu.

✓ Mitsuo Ono, statistics student from Hawaii at Columbia University, was chosen New York YBA president.

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Adjournment may doom Younger bill in Senate; passed unanimously by House

Washington

Unanimously endorsing the principle of non-discrimination in the air shipment of California flowers in interstate commerce, the House of Representatives approved the so-called Younger Bill without a single dissenting objection, reported Mike Masaoka, Washington Representative of the Japanese American Citizens League.

"This clear-cut action by the House demonstrates congressional intent that California flowers and decorative greens shall receive the same consideration in air transportation as is now granted by several statutes regulating the same commodities in surface transportation," Masaoka declared.

The House-approved bill, introduced by Rep. J. Arthur Younger (R., [San Mateo] Calif.) provides that flower growers and shippers can handle their own products through cooperative efforts in air transportation. The savings in this self-operation enables California flowers to be shipped

to distant out-of-state markets, which could not otherwise receive the perishable commodities.

Remedial Legislation

The Younger Bill received JACL support through the request of many chapters whose members and supporters are directly affected by the remedial legislation.

The Consolidated Flowers Shipments, Inc.—Bay Area (San Francisco) and the Flower Consolidators of Southern California (Los Angeles) requested Masaoka to support the measure on their behalf.

Immediately after the House gave its unanimous approval to the bill, Congressman Younger personally expedited the formalities necessary to the bill to the Senate for Senate approval in the current session.

Hearings Necessary

Though not opposed to the Younger Bill, Sen. John W. Bricker, chairman of the Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, indicated that Committee rules require that hearings be conducted on the measure.

Because of the rapidly approaching adjournment date, Chairman Bricker stated that sufficient time may not be available to conduct hearings and secure a Committee vote on the measure this session.

7 Hollister area Issei naturalized

Hollister

Seven more Issei of San Benito County were naturalized Aug. 9 in the group of 20, which court attaches said was probably the largest naturalization class in the history of the county.

Conducted before Superior Court Judge Thomas P. O'Donnell with Earl C. Bray of the San Francisco I&NS office as examiner and Edwin Matsuura as interpreter, the seven Japanese were:

Motoichi Nakamoto, Kazuichi Tsuchimoto, Taroku Kusumoto, Hollister; Shuichi Nishita, Tadao Yamanashi, Shigeo Numata, and Asayo Yamanishi, San Juan Bautista.

REMEMBER THE JACL
ENDOWMENT FUND

Murayama —

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JACL leader in California during the late 1920s, Murayama has become an international Boy Scout leader in Japan. He is now recognized as one of the outstanding Nisei figures in Japan.

Among Nisei who attended the dinner for Murayama were:

Robert Horiuchi, Bill Hosokawa of The Denver Post, George Ohash, Mrs. Bernice Ohashi, Mrs. Y. Miyauchi of Glendale, Ariz., Dr. M. Uba, Y. Terasaki, Osaki Taniwaki, Bob Ueda representing Nisei Boy Scouts, Min Yasui for the JACL, Lt. Col. Frank M. Ikuno of Fitzsimons Army Hospital.

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Official Convention Delegates

Following delegates and their alternates to the National JACL Convention Sept. 2-6 at Los Angeles have been named by the respective chapters, as noted by National JACL Headquarters. Some chapters may have designated their representatives, but National Director Mas Satow, 1759 Sutter St., San Francisco, has not been informed.—Editor.

Pacific Northwest District Council

Gresham-Troutdale—Henry T. Kato.
Portland—John M. Hada and Dr. Mitsuo Nakata.
Puyallup Valley—Tom Takemura and Bob Mizukami.
Seattle—Miss Miyo Nakatsu and George Kashiwagi.

No. Calif.-Western Nevada District Council

Berkeley—George Yasukochi and Al Kosakura. Alt: Mas Yone-mura and Mas Fujii.
Eden Township—Kenji Fujii and Tok Hironaka. Alt: Takiko Shinoda and Rose Kurotori.
Gilroy—Kimiko Okawa.
Marysville—Frank N. Okimoto.
Oakland—Paul T. Nomura.
Placer Co.—Koichi Uyeno, Roy Yoshida. Alt: James Makimoto, Martha Iwasaki.
Reno—Oscar Fujii.
San Benito Co.—Glenn Kowaki and Shoso Nakamoto.
San Francisco—Jerry Enomoto, Kei Hori and Kaye Uyeda.
Sequoia—John Enomoto and Harry Higaki.
Sonoma County—Frank Oda.
Stockton—Miss Yuki Shinoda and Miss Louise Baba.

Central California District Council

Sanger—Robert K. Kanagawa and George Nishimura.
Fresno—Mike Iwatsubo.

Pacific Southwest District Council

Downtown Los Angeles—David Yokozeki and Kei Uchima. Alt: George Maruya.
East Los Angeles—Wilbur Sato and Lucille Okada.
San Diego—Hiomi Nakamura and Masaaki Hironaka.
San Luis Obispo—Saburo Ikeda.
Santa Barbara—Mike Hide and John Suzuki.
Ventura Co.—Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Uno.
West Los Angeles—Sho Komai and Steve Yagi.

Mountain Plains District Council

Albuquerque—Mrs. Ruth Y. Hashimoto.
Arkansas Valley—Henry Hirose.
Denver—Sam Matsumoto and Ben Miyahara.
Northern Wyoming—Kaz Uriu.
Omaha—Miss Emiko Watanabe.

Midwest District Council

Chicago—Shig Wakamatsu, Kumeo Yoshinari. Alt: Abe Hagiwara, John Yoshino.
Twin Cities—George Yoshino.

Eastern District Council

Philadelphia—Dr. H. T. Tamaki. Alt: Miss Mary Toda.
Washington, DC—John Katsu, Miss Carol Tsuda. Alt: Kathleen Iseri.

CHAPTER MEMO

Arizona JACL: Fourteen more members were signed by Sto Nakamura, membership committee chairman, to boost the chapter total to 132, surpassing its 1953 roll.

D.C. JACL: Signing up seven more members, the Washington, D.C., chapter boasts a record total of 167. Prints of the photographs taken at the June 27 recognition banquet are obtainable at the Washington JACL office, 1737 H St. NW, phone National 8-8584. John Katsu, chapter president, and Carol Tsuda are official delegates to the National JACL Convention; Kathleen Iseri will be alternate.

Salt Lake City JACL: Tamotsu Murayama, having finished his six weeks' studies on scouting in New Jersey, is to speak here Aug. 13, 8 p.m., at the Japanese Christian Church. (Last week, he addressed a group in Denver.)

San Francisco JACL: Cartoons for the youngsters, door prizes and games for adults are on the "Fun Night" agenda this Sunday at the Buchanan YM-YWCA. Frank Dobashi and Taxy Hironaka are co-chairmen. Vi Nakano is in charge of refreshments.

New York JACL: The chapter launched its 1954 Fund Appeal with a goal of \$3,000 set. Sam Kai, chapter president and general chairman of the fund drive, stated the amount is needed to meet local and national obligations for 1953-54-55. The steering committee, composed of past chapter presidents, is:

Alfred Funabashi, Thomas T. Hayashi, Akira Hayashi, Frank Okazaki, Woodrow W. Asai.
Also on committee are:
Tomio Enochy, treas.; Ricki Suzuki, Chizuko Ikeda, Marie Kurihara, sec.; Yoshitake Inai, Tosh Miyazaki, Suye Takami, aud.; Yukiko Matsuo, George I. Nakamura, Shunya Nishizaki, Joe Oyama, Ina Sugihara, Mike Suzuki and Mitsu Yasuda, gen. comm.

Contributions should be addressed to JACL, New York Chapter, P.O. Box 134, Planetarium Station, New York 24.

34 C.L. CHAPTERS NAME OFFICIALS FOR CONVENTION

San Francisco
Thirty-four chapters have informed National JACL Headquarters the names of official and alternate delegates to the 13th biennial National Convention to be held Sept. 2-6 at the Los Angeles Statler.

Chapters which have not yet designated their representatives were urged by Masao Satow, National Director, to send in these names so that delegates could be given informational material on matters to be discussed at the National Council sessions.

The schedule of sessions is:
Sept. 2 (Thu.)—9 a.m. to 12 noon; 2-5:30 p.m. Meeting of National Committees, official delegates to serve as members of national committees.

Sept. 3 (Fri.)—9 a.m. to 12 noon; 2-5:30 p.m.

Sept. 4 (Sat.)—9 a.m. to 12 noon; 3-6 p.m.

Sept. 6 (Mon.)—9 a.m. to 12 noon; 1:30-5 p.m.

CALENDAR

Aug. 14 (Saturday)
PASADENA: Convention booster meeting, Cleveland Aud., 8 p.m., Dr. Roy Nishikawa, spkr.

Aug. 15 (Sunday)
SAN FRANCISCO: Fun Night, Buchanan YM-YWCA, 6:30 p.m.
DAYTON: Chapter picnic, Polo View, Hills and Dales Park, 3 p.m.

Aug. 20 (Friday)
EAST LOS ANGELES: Chapter meeting, "Operation Ivy" (H-Bomb film), International Institute, 8 p.m. Ian Theirmann, spkr.

Aug. 21 (Saturday)
FRESNO: Family Night, International Institute, 6:30 p.m.

Aug. 22 (Sunday)
SAN FRANCISCO: Auxiliary fashion-tea, Buchanan YM-YWCA, 2 p.m.

Aug. 23 (Monday)
SLC-OGDEN-MT. OLYMPUS: Lagoon Family Night.

Aug. 26 (Thursday)
SAN MATEO-SEQUOIA: Joint meeting, Sturge Presbyterian church hall.

Aug. 29 (Sunday)
SEQUOIA: Beach outing, Table Beach.

Sept. 2-6
LOS ANGELES: Nat'l JACL Convention, Statler Hotel.

Dance festival

New London, Conn.
Yuriko, Nisei interpretive dancer, will be guest artist at the seventh American Dance Festival at Connecticut College here Aug. 19-22. She will present a new work set to the music of Bartok and revive her "Tale of Seizure."



Thousand Club Notes

HAROLD GORDON, Nat'l Chairman

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	July 1	July 15	Aug 1	Aug 15	Sept 1
1000ers	891	891	907		
Signed Up		16	21		
Total	891	907	928		

MEMO to the Downtown Los Angeles and Chicago Chapters: Since these chapters are engaged in a 1000 Club membership contest, National JACL Headquarters has advised the record this week shows Downtown Los Angeles leading 53-44.

18 CANDIDATES NOMINATED FOR 1954 PVT. BEN MASAOKA SCHOLARSHIP

San Francisco
Eighteen outstanding high school graduates have been nominated by their respective JACL chapters for the 1954 Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka Memorial Scholarship, according to JACL National Headquarters which administers the scholarship for Mrs. Haruye Masaoka, its donor.

According to JACL National Director Masao Satow, this is the largest number of candidates nominated in any one year since the scholarship was instituted nine years ago.

The records of the candidates have been turned over to a panel of judges, who now have the difficult task of selecting

one recipient for the award. Director Satow indicated that the winner will be named within the next week and at the same time the names of the judges will also be announced.

The candidates nominated by the various chapters are:

Richard Arakawa Reedley; Carol Doi, Omaha; Edna Masuda, Salt Lake City; Arthur Endo, Hollywood; Ken Fujii, Reno; Ada Jane Hashimoto, Albuquerque; Frank M. Hirase, Mt. Olympus; Irene Kadani, Santa Maria Valley; Tayeko Nakagawa Phoenix; Haruye Nakamura, Kirby, Wyo.; May Nimura, Placer County; Carole Oishi, Oakland; George Okamoto, Portland; John Osugi, Salinas; Hatsumi Mitsuaga, Salt Lake City; Yoshio Setoguchi, West Los Angeles; Tsutomu Uchida, Long Beach; and David Yamakawa, San Francisco.

Tri-Villes try split group

Redwood City
An experiment in Jr. JACL programming will be tested for the coming year as the Tri-Villes, affiliated with the Sequoia JACL, will be divided into a senior and junior group.

Last week at an installation dinner here, Terry Kuwada, outgoing president, presented two gavels: one to Midory Kanazawa, senior group president; and one to Sumiko Sakaguchi, junior group. Janis Nakanishi was chairman of the committee that helped organize the division of the club.

Other senior group officers are:

Tami Mori, v.p.; Masako Sakaguchi, rec. sec.; Mary Kawakami, cor. sec.; Janet Tao, treas.; Tomoye Tamura, ath.; Nancy Sato, par.

Other junior group officers are:

Janis Nakanishi, v.p.; Dorothy Kajikawa, rec. sec.; Arlene Yoshida, cor. sec.; Joy Yasumoto, treas.; Yoshimi Sato, ath.; Jane Kuwano, par.

Membership is composed of girls from Palo Alto, Menlo Park and Redwood City. Mrs. John Enomoto is adviser. The first event under the new cabinet will be a jointly-sponsored "Fun Night" with the two vice-presidents as co-chairmen.

WYBL representative

San Francisco
The Western Young Buddhist League will be represented at 21st convention of the Hawaii Federation of YBA, Aug. 19-22, by Hitoshi Tsufura, National YBA director.



Dr. Roy Nishikawa, convention board chairman, mentions this week of a neck-strain in his column, "On to L.A.!" And here are some of the reasons: While there are 13 hostesses in the mixer committee, ten of them posed in the hot California sunshine before photographers last weekend at a garden party. From left to right: top row—Hiroko Kawakami, Judy Sugita, Yae Marumoto middle—Fudge Kikuchi, Amy Makimoto, Janet Yamada; bottom—Barbara Abe, Misa Tanaka, Jean Yoshida and Jeanne Inouye. —George Waki-Photo



Some 250 Issei citizens naturalized in San Francisco were honored at a recent JACL chapter banquet in the Mart Club. California Lt. Gov. Harold J. Powers (seated center) praised the Issei for their well-known record of hard work and told them he was "proud to have them as citizens of California". He also lauded the public-spirited program of the JACL and heartily recommended all the new citizens "to join". Other prominent guests were among the 400 attending. Seated are: Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Hart, chief of the

Nationality and Status Section, San Francisco Immigration and Naturalization Services; Lt. Gov. Powers; Jerry Enomoto, JACL chapter president. Standing are: S. Hideshima, chairman, Issei Division, San Francisco JACL; Dr. Kunisada Kiyasu, pres., Japanese Benevolent Society; Kenji Kasai, pres., No. Calif. Japanese Chamber of Commerce; Keisaburo Koda; and Kiyoshi Tomizawa, first naturalization class instructor. All Issei are new American citizens.

On to L.A. by Roy Nishikawa Garden full of beauties

We are nursing a stiff neck today and thereby hangs an interesting tale. The neck-cranning responsible for the aforementioned stiff neck came about at a garden party introducing the bevy of beautiful girls forming Dr. TORU IURA's Convention Mixer Committee and the Town Hubbers on RITSUKO KAWAKAMI's Hospitality and Reception Committee.

The affair was sponsored by the Town Hubs, which could be translated "Big Wheels About Town" and was held in HERB MURAYAMA's spacious backyard last Sunday. The Town Hubs are a predominantly bachelor group of young post-graduate students, professional and business men. They are brainy and aggressive and have a high potential of leadership.

Several Phi Betas and Ph.D.'s are included in the group. It is said that these fellows have the most exclusive phone numbers in town.

Anyway, name just about any recent past Nisei Week Queen, such as EM KATO or JUDY SUGITA or any recent attendant, and you'll find their names on Toru's Mixer Committee. Incidentally this year the Convention Mixer will feature a "Tanko Bushi" which we understand is a Japanese version of the Bunny Hop or the Hokey Pokey.

Glad Town Hubbers are assisting . . .

We are glad the Town Hubs are helping the Convention Hospitality and Reception Committee as we believe they'll make many an out-of-town lady delegate happy. We didn't get all of their names because of the neck-cranning diversions; but besides Toru and Herb, there are BO SAKAGUCHI, POMEROY AJIMA and CHUCK MIYADA. Others aiding in meeting and greeting guests and delegates and helping host in the special Convention Hospitality Room will be JOE YASAKI, ART GOTO, ARNOLD HAGIWARA, JIM ARAKI, Sprinter BOB WATANABE, HARU FUJISAWA and and HAROLD INADOMI, just to mention a few.

Artist GEORGE AKIMOTO, also a member, promised to design special badges for the Hospitality Committee and will do a super special job on the badges for the National JACL Queen JANET FUKUDA and her two ladies-in-waiting JANET OKIMOTO and MARY ENOMOTO. These girls, who are also Official Convention Hostesses, were very much in evidence and were the darlings of the Metropolitan press photographers.

HARRY HONDA, Public Relations Associate Chairman, Ritsuko and ALICE NISHIKAWA, the three JACL queens and the writer managed to get together in one corner to discuss details of the appearances the girls will make at various convention events. Among other things we decided that there would definitely be no "iron curtains" and no "generallissimos" around the girls.

Getting back to the Mixer, Toru has specifically asked that the names of YAYE MARUMOTO, JEAN YOKOTA and HIROKO KAWANAMI be added to the list of girls already mentioned in a previous column. We doubt that so much Nisei and Sansei charm and pulchritude has ever been gathered together under one roof. As host Herb Murayama suggested, "Let's do this more often—but next time let's not invite any of the other fellows."

Speedy recovery, Mikko . . .

Our deepest sympathies to Convention Treasurer KEN DY0 and his wife MIKKO. Mikko was injured in an auto accident after she and Ken delivered Queen Janet Fukuda home after our Monterey trip. We hope that Mikko will have a speedy recovery.

As all National JACL leaders are well aware, it is only through the loyal and steadfast cooperation of JACL wives that JACL leaders everywhere can devote so much time to the organization.

Not million, but 'jillions' of details . . .

Details, details and more details. Every committee we meet with nowadays, whether it is FRANK CHUMAN's Guest list committee, Harry's P.R. Committee, Ritsuko's Hospitality Committee, Toru's Mixer Committee or LILY OTERA's Outing Committee, the emphasis is on the fine details which can make or break a convention.

When we took this assignment we knew there would be 1000 details but little did we dream that there would be a "jillion" of them. Fortunately, most of these can be settled by phone.

★ SCENE FROM THE GOLDEN GATE ★

Another Record

HARUO ISHIMARU

A new record for citizenship examination of Issei in one day was set last Monday in San Francisco as 189 Issei petitioners out of 200 called were interviewed. Petitioners from all points in Northern California, from Sebastopol on the north, Monterey and Salinas to the south, Lodi and Stockton to the east, were called for examination.

For the first time the Naturalization Office even called Issei who had not completed citizenship classes, although graduates of such classes generally had an easier time. A great deal of credit is due to HAROLD J. HART, chief of the Naturalization and Status Section, and his staff for their excellent handling of a tremendous problem.

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Accomplishments in program

San Francisco and Northern California has certainly been the scene of great accomplishments in the naturalization program for Issei.

The first official citizenship class in Japanese was started in San Francisco, and everyone of our Northern California chapters have sponsored such a class. The first group examination of Issei in the Japanese language took place in San Francisco and they have been held only in Northern California and in Northern California we have seen mass swearing in of new Issei American citizens. The cooperation found in the Naturalization Service, the courts, the public schools, and JACL chapters have been commendable, and we can be very proud of our JACL chapters and officers for their fine work.

Assisting from the JACL on Monday at the naturalization examination were MASUJI FUJII, Mrs. CARL HIROTA, ICHII MOTOKI, HENRY SHIMIZU, KIYOSHI TOMIZAWA, and SUMI UTSUMI. Co-ordinating from our office were MARTHA TSUKIYAMA and yours truly.

In all of this bouquet throwing, the biggest orchid goes to the Issei who have had the patience and determination to hurdle this final obstacle on the road to American citizenship, a goal for which they have waited for so long.

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San Francisco's auxiliary

San Francisco JACL Chapter has started one of its most enthusiastic departments—the Women's Auxiliary. Much credit goes to VI NAKANO for being the sparkplug. They recently held an election and the officers are Mrs. HARU HEDANI, pres.; Mrs. KATHERINE NUNOTANI, v.p.; SUMI UTSUMI, treas.; MARGIE SHIGEZUMI, sec.; VI NAKANO, chapter liaison. The Auxiliary is composed of both married and single girls of the Chapter.

Their first and quite ambitious project will be a fashion show at the Buchanan Y on Aug. 22, 2 p.m. KAYE UYEDA will be chairman, with RUBY YAMAMOTO and NANCY LIMJAP serving as modeling advisers; AIKO HIRONAKA, commentator; KAY SADANAGA, accompanist; TSUYU HIURA in charge of refreshments and SUMI UTSUMI heading the ticket committee.

The Women's Auxiliary promises a breathtaking afternoon open to both women and men. The featured guest for the program will be MIEKO KONDO, Miss Nippon.

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Miss Nippon, Miss Nat'l JACL, etc.

At the invitation of SIM TOGASAKI last Saturday, I attended a luncheon with Miss Nippon and her cousins of San Francisco, the YOKOIs. While in America, she is the ward of SABURO KIDO and his Shin Nichi-Bei, and it seems he has asked Sim and SCOTTY TSUCHIYA to represent his newspaper's interest in her while in San Francisco. I must confess Miss Nippon had no overpowering desire to see me, but rather there were questions about her visa, which I was asked to clarify.

Although I'm no authority on feminine beauty, I think Miss Nippon is certainly a credit to the female sex. She is very charming and attractive and I suspect the Women's Auxiliary's Fashion Show may be witnessed by a great many men.

As far as feminine pulchritude is concerned, in all deference to Miss Nippon or vivacious JANET FUKUDA, Miss National JACL, etc., I believe the most beautiful girl in the world is Miss HARUMI JACLYN ISHIMARU, age eight months.

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Pacific Northwest DC hears Satow at pre-confab rally

Gresham, Ore.

Representatives of seven chapters forming the Pacific Northwest District Council heard National Director Masao Satow at the pre-convention rally here last Sunday. The Gresham-Troutdale chapter was host with Dr. Matthew Masuoka of Portland, district chairman, presiding.

Satow outlined matters which are to be discussed at the Sept. 2-6 National JACL Convention in Los Angeles and presented an up-to-date report of activities at National Headquarters.

Henry Kato of Gresham was designated official district council delegate to the national convention.

Kumee Yoshinari, Chicago chapter president and active pre-war in the Mid-Columbia chapter, was a visitor and participated in the meeting. Others in attendance were:

Art Yamada, Bob Mizukami (Puyallup Valley); George Kashiwagi, William Mimbu (Seattle); Koe Nishimoto, Ray Sato (Mid-Columbia); Ed Yamamoto (Columbia Basin, also Spokane); Dr. Mitsuo Nakata, Noby Sumida, John Hada, Agnes Inouye, George Azumano (Portland); Kaz Fujii, Shio Uyetake, Tosh Okino, Henry Kato, Kumiko Ono (Gresham-Troutdale).

The next district council meeting will be held in early December with Puyallup Valley Chapter as hosts. The delegates were treated to steak luncheon.

Three Utah chapters hold Lagoon family night

Salt Lake City

Lagoon Family Night festivities for three neighboring chapters—Salt Lake City, Ogden and Mt. Olympus—will be held Aug. 23. Swimming party starts at 5 p.m. for those who can manage the early hours, but a hot-dog party is on tap at 8.

Tomoko Yano is general chairman, assisted by: Anna Imai, program; Shig Matsukawa, games; Grace Imai, prizes; and Isamu Watanuki, food.

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SPORTSCOPE:

● Four weeks ago, some 50 Nisei netters began battling in the first postwar Southern California Japanese tennis championships; this weekend the list has been whittled down to semi-finalists with championship matches slated Aug. 22 at Solano Canyon courts, Los Angeles. . . . Two upsets were scored in the quarter-finals last Sunday. ALVA YANO, Caltech varsity, bested veteran TED SASAKI 7-5, 6-1; JERRY KOJO and Yano teamed to win 3-5, 6-4, 13-11 over SEKIZO YOSHIKAWA and ASATO NAKANO. Yoshikawa, top-seeded entrant, once vied for the Pacific Coast Jr. championships in 1917. . . . JIM SATO, who excluded himself from the men's singles and doubles and regarded as the top Nisei racket-man in the United States, is playing with his wife KIMI in the mixed doubles. They meet SUMI KAMACHI and TED SASAKI at Solano this Sunday in the Aye mixed doubles semi. . . . GEORGE ISHIMOTO bested JIM HOSAKI, 6-4, 6-8, 6-2, a six-footer from Ventura JC varsity and the best Sansei prospect in years. Ishimoto was a member of the 1940 UCLA frosh squad. . . . HENRY YAMADA, on the USC frosh squad this year, faces TOM KEIMI in the men's Bee singles this Sunday at Rancho. Keimi is a No. 1 seeded player. . . . HELEN WATANABE and BESSY IGARASHI, seeded 1 and 2 respectively in the women's single, were successful last week in their semi-finals and go into the finals Aug. 22. . . . SANDY SUNAGO is the only seeded player in the women Bees remaining on the slate. Others are ALICE IBARAKI, CHIYEKO MIYAO and KITTY YAMAUCHI.

● Toronto Nisei netters took a close 17-15 tournament victory over host Cleveland Aug. 1. Women doubles provided the margin of victory as the Canadians won their team contests. Cleveland netters proved superior in the men's singles. MITCH HASHIGUCHI took EDZY TSUJIMOTO handily and SHIG OKADA bested Toronto's ROY SHIN. SHIG FURUKI defeated BEN KUNIHRO, but YOZO YASUI took the first Toronto win over ROY KOYAMA. FUZ FUJIWARA and FRANK MATSUL (of Canada) lost to SHIRO SHIOZAWA and SHIGE YAMAGATA, respectively. . . . EVA HASHIGUCHI, KIMI SHIOSAWA won for Cleveland but KERLENE SUMIDA and MARY YOSHIDA lost in the women singles. . . . FRANK WATANABE, prewar Nisei netter in Seattle and now of Minneapolis, was also present.

● FRANK HATTORI, former national JACL golf king, shot a gross 77 to win the third annual Lotus Sangha tournament at Seattle's Jackson Park Aug. 1. His net was 68. . . . MIN YOSHIZAKI of Los Angeles shot one under par (70) at Rio Hondo to win the annual Top Notch-Top Flight interclub 36-hole tournament recently. A five-handicap ace, he shot 72 for one under par the previous week at Fox Hills. GEORGE SHIMAZU (20) netted 133 for second-place.

● Hurling a no-hit-no run game, RONNIE MATSUURA of Fairmont Cleaners won fame last week in the Sacramento Municipal Night Softball League. He allowed one walk. The victory replaced their victims, Elverta Merchants, as league leaders. PETER and JOE OSUGA sponsor the team, which is entered in the NAU softball tournament to be held Aug. 21-22 at Berkeley.

● Some 3,000 fans packed City Park Stadium in Denver last week to applaud NANCY ITO, who played shortstop with the Granada Fish team in an exhibition match with Reese House. While the latter won 4-2, she registered the first hit by rapping a short center single in the first inning. In the fifth, she appeared at the plate with the bases bulging. STANLEY NISHIMOTO was on through an error, RUPERT ARAI singled and GEORGE NAGAI was walked to fill the bases. Trailing 3-0 with two away, Nancy surprised with a bunt down the third base-line and was put out at first, the squeeze play thus failing. Last season, she played in the girl's softball league at Chicago.

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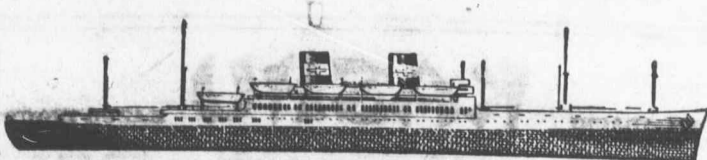
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Maj. Sammy Lee on goodwill tour of Southeast Asia

Washington

Maj. Samuel Lee of the U.S. Army Medical Corps, twice Olympic diving champion and recent recipient of the Sullivan Award as America's outstanding athlete, is on a three-month goodwill tour of Southeast Asia under joint sponsorship of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States and the International Educational Exchange Service of the Dept. of State.

The Fresno-born Korean doctor will visit Ceylon, India, Pakistan, Indonesia, Viet-Nam, Burma, Hong Kong and Korea.

He is now on duty at Seoul. After graduation from Occidental College in Los Angeles and internship at Orange County General Hospital, he specialized in the study of ear, nose and throat diseases at Letterman Army hospital.

The Dept. of the Army cooperated with the State Department in releasing Major Lee from his duties so that he could participate in events demonstrating his athletic prowess as well as visit medical installation and consult with professional colleagues.

Miss triple swim crown by fingernail

Indianapolis

Ford Konno, Nisei Olympic swimming champion, lost out in his bid for a triple win in the National AAU outdoor championship by a fingernail last weekend. Bill Woolsey caught fellow Hawaiian Konno in the 400 meter freestyle to avenge an earlier loss by about the same margin in the 200 meter event.

Konno is with three other U.S. mermen participating in the Japanese national meet in Tokyo this weekend and at Osaka, Aug. 18-19. Summaries: 400-meters—Won by Woolsey, 4m. 42.2s; Ford Konno, 2nd, 4m 42.5s. 200-meters—Won by Ford Konno, 2m. 10.6s. 1,500-meters—Won by Ford Konno, 19m. 7.1s. (New AAU record).

Nisei Week golf draws record field of 217

Los Angeles

A record field of 217 golfers are vying on five local links for Nisei Week honors this Sunday. The So. Calif. Nisei Golf Association, sponsors, announced the following flight schedules:

Championship (0-9 hcp)—At Fox Hills; Aye (10-11 hcp)—At Montebello; Bee (12-14 hcp)—At Western; Cee (15-17 hcp)—Brookside; and Dee (18-25 hcp)—At Rio Hondo.

Miss Salt Lake II

Seattle

Hutch Aoki's "Miss Salt Lake City II" finished third in the 135 cubic-inch hydro Seafair Outboard regatta Sunday afternoon.

72-hole meet winner

Denver

Sueo Ito won the annual 72-hole Mile-Hi golf club tournament with a 278 total. He took command early in the tournament and was never headed. He was eight strokes ahead of runner-up Jim Okida.

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War Brides

★ TATS KUSHIDA

"I Dared to Take a Japanese Bride" was the eye-catching title to an article appearing in last Sunday's American Weekly magazine, the rotogravure supplement tucked in with the funnies in the Hearst papers.

In reading this two-page spread, we noted the author, ex-GI Don Tennyson, making reference to have written our office in Los Angeles, inquiring as to the procedure to have a private bill introduced in Congress to bring his wife to this country. This was before the enactment of the JACL-sponsored soldier brides act amendment making possible the entry of legally married Japanese wives of American servicemen into the United States.

We don't recall exactly our reply of more than four years ago but reading on, we see he had prevailed upon his congressman, Rep. Harry Sheppard, to introduce a bill for him. It seems, however, that he ultimately received aid from the provisions of the JACL bill which made piecemeal private legislation unnecessary. We're glad they're a happily settled family in San Fernando Valley now.

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No more Lt. Pinkerton types

All of which brings to mind the great variety of written inquiries we have received on many matters during our past five years with the Ellay office. No small part of them concerned similar problems of Japanese war brides of Nisei and non-Nisei servicemen. We recall other "personal" inquiries from GIs asking us to translate their correspondence from girl friends in Japan. While we had to send out to experts for the translations we couldn't help learning of a number of these remote-control romances.

As far back as 1947, we were convinced that the days of the real-life Madame Butterfly a-la-Puccini were over. These were indeed ardent and loyal swains, and not the Lt. Pinkerton type.

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Mastering conversational English

Japanese war brides, judging from many we have met and spoken to, have apparently experienced but little difficulty in mastering conversational English. To us, it seems their problem is considerably less than that of the Nisei who hopes to visit Japan and be able to speak correctly.

At least in English, there are no honorifics or styles of speech. You would use pretty much the same language in addressing the mayor of your town as you would in talking to your neighborhood barber.

In Japan, as we understand it, each social stratum has its own manner of speaking. So the guy in a higher level of society pulls rank on you and speaks to you as an inferior, much as you are expected to use cruder language in addressing those below your station.

Even the simple word "you" can be expressed in a number of ways. Those we are acquainted with, roughly in the order of being polite down to the vulgar, being *anata-sama*, just plain *anata*, *nanji* (archaic or poetic), *omae*, *kimi* (among intimate friends), *kisama* (often in anger or to an inferior) and *temei* (as vulgar as we can find). When a man calls his wife (an inferior), "Hey, you!", he simply says *Oi!*

Japanese is a language that must be highly susceptible to puns for the written language might have two or more ways of speaking it. Thus, if a man points to the door and says "*oshime kudasai*", he could mean either "Please shut (the door)" or "Please give me a diaper". By the same token, the traditional New Year dish, *zo-ni*, might mean cooked elephant. Pursuing his logic (?) further, *Anatahan*, the famed Pacific Island of Japanese navy holdouts, could be translated you-and-a-half!

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Los Angeles Newsletter

HENRY MORI

★ The so-called public vote for five finalists in the 14th annual Nisei Week Festival queen contest ended Thursday night last week with a history-breaking total of 773,792 stubs cast for 10 candidates.

At a buffet dinner tonight in Brentwood, the queen will be selected from the five: Florence Ochi, June Aochi, Michi Masukawa, Tomiko Baba, and Takako Yamada. Judges will be all Caucasians.

However, no one will know the identity of the queen—until Sunday evening when the coronation ball is held at the Hollywood Palladium.

The traditional ceremony will include civic officials as well as motion picture and television celebrities.

The final tally on the queen race showed Takako Yamada with 194,854, and Tomiko Baba, 181,122, making it an almost run-away show with Florence Ochi behind with 111,394 votes.

June Aochi, a favorite with Miss Ochi to gain the 1954 crown, was in fourth spot with 75,904; while Michi Masukawa weathered the last-minute push from sixth and seventh place contenders to stay in the finals. She had 71,874 votes.

The read-'em-and-weep lone-some five, out of race, were Evelyn Yamato, 55,421; Marlene Hada, 47,091; Cheri Iwata, 37,061; Toshiko Oda, 13,202; and Patsy Akiyama, 5,869.

As it was, the voting end of the contest turned into a two-candidate affair and while it recorded the most ballots to date, it failed to arouse general interest.

★ The third biennial Henry Ohye trophy air race, sponsored by the Nisei Fliers of America, drew a blank as far as Nisei winners were concerned.

The Fullerton to San Jose round-trip derby held last weekend found 31 entrants, of which three were Japanese Americans. But the best for them was a ninth place by Thomas Takemura of Puyallup, Wash., who was first in the last biennial hop which covered Los Angeles to Fresno and San Francisco.

Albert Kushihashi of North Platte, Neb., who nabbed first prize in the inaugural Los Angeles to Chicago flight in 1950, worked on a rented Cessna 140. He was forced to refuel in Salinas which automatically lowered his flying time average.

Ex-jet pilot Harvey Kitaoka who flew during carrier missions over Korea fared well in Saturday's outgoing trip, but strong headwinds Sunday checked his return jaunt.

Taking first was Don B. Atkinson of Newport Beach. Mrs. Maxine S. Smith of San Diego was second; Mrs. Frances Bera of Inglewood, third; and Joe Nugent of Fullerton, fourth.

A cash purse of \$600 was divided among the first five winners: \$250, \$200, \$75, \$50, and \$25. Takemura, still in the "consolation" prize section, was given a set of cuff links and tie clip.

★ Angelenos blew their toupee this week when they learned that the Associated Master Barbers at its 26th convention here prepared to raise haircuts to \$2 from the present \$1.50 job within six months.

Members were complaining that very few take home \$75 a week and that's below the average wage. They compared haircut prices with rise in coffee, and said if the zoom was equal, the clippers would be charging \$4.

There is little doubt that Nihon-machi tonsorial artists will be "thinking too" should the hike take place. The current \$1.25 per head may not look too inviting for them anymore.



The Elliott Brothers and their 17-piece orchestra will play at the gala National JAACL Convention Sayonara Ball, Sept. 6, at the Los Angeles Statler.

Two days devoted to processing of Issei citizens-to-be

Los Angeles

Nearly 300 Issei petitioners for naturalization were summoned for oral examinations during two days this week devoted only to Issei requiring interpreter assistance.

All day Thursday, Aug. 12 and Friday morning, Aug. 13, were set aside by the Los Angeles office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service for this project.

Eighteen examiners with the assistance of interpreters provided by the JAACL Regional Office processed Issei petitioners at the rate of 200 a day. Those which the I&NS office are unable to complete during this period will be called in the following week, according to information received by JAACL Regional Director Tats Kushida.

Volunteer interpreters assisting this service include:

Ted Akahoshi, Frank F. Chuman, Frank Hirohata, Choyei Kondo, Arthur Kamii, K. Kamiya, Saburo Kido, Nisuke Mitsumori, Katsuma Mukaeda, Gongo Nakamura, Ted Okumoto, Kenneth T. Sato, Paul Takeda, Takao Takekoshi, Takeo Tanino, Kei Uchima, Elmer Yamamoto and David Yokozeki.

Issei petitioners who were sworn in yesterday may be registered to vote in the November general elections by calling at the JAACL Regional Office between Sept. 7-9. Blanche Shiozaki, office secretary, has been authorized as a deputy registrar of voters.

Hawthorne reunion picnic

Compton

Former students of the now defunct Hawthorne Gakuen and parents will hold their first reunion picnic Aug. 29 at Compton Gakuen, 14500 S. Avalon Blvd., Gardena. Further information is obtainable by calling the Henry Ishidas, PL 5-6885.

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Larry Tajiri--

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a philanthropic gesture. There was a competitive factor, as well.

In his study of the Japanese American press in Los Angeles for the *California Sun*, Gene Burd found three dailies—the *Rafu Shimpo*, *New Japanese American News* and

the *California Daily News*; two weeklies, the *Pacific Citizen* and *Crossroads*, and a gossip sheet called *The Town Crier*. Burd concludes that these newspapers no longer exert the social control they once did. And as the Issei population drops, the Japanese weekly may replace the daily. The weekly English-language tabloid will probably survive, he believes. But the physical passage of Little Tokyo portends a change in the Japanese American press of today and of the past half-century.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

ABE—July 13, a boy to the George Abes, Marysville.
ADANIYA—June 8, a boy Henry Alfred to the Wallace Shigeru Adaniyas (Yoshiko Adahiji), Los Angeles.
AGATSUMA—July 11, a girl Christine Keiko to the Rev. Takeo Agatsumas, Denver.
AMIMOTO—June 14, a boy Eugene Yoneo to the Usaburo Amimotos (Yone Uyeda), Los Angeles.
ASAMOTO—June 25, a girl Thea Jean to the Sam Asamotos (Maria Yamamoto), Cleveland.
DOAMI—July 18, a girl to the Tom Doamis (Fusako Tsumura), San Francisco.

FUJISAKI—June 13, a boy Robert Kenji to the Tom Wataru Fujisakis (Sumi Sakata), Los Angeles.
FUJITSUBO—June 21, a girl Lani Charlene to the William Sadao Fujitsubos (Sylvia Shigehara), Los Angeles.

HAMAGUCHI—June 5, a girl Lyn to the Toru Anthony Hamaguchis (Toshiko Ono), Los Angeles.

HAYASE—June 14, a girl Stacie Dawn to the George Hayases (Isabelle Vera Wong), Los Angeles.

HIOKI—July 8, a girl Patricia May to the Albert Hiokis, San Jose.

HIRASUNA—July 17, a girl to the James Hirasunas, Fresno.

HIRAYAMA—July 14, a boy Duane to the Art Hirayamas (Kiyomi Saneto), Cleveland.

HOSOKAWA—July 24, a girl to the M. Hosokawas, Seattle.

IDE—June 18, a boy Jon Thomas to the Joubu Ides (Fumiko Fukuyama), Los Angeles.

IGARASHI—June 5, a boy Keith Katsumi to the Katsumi Igarashis (Etsuko Hashima), Los Angeles.

IKEGAMI—June 26, a boy to the Toshikazu Ikegamis, Mountain View.

ISHIKAWA—July 17, a boy John Moffett to the Moffett Ishikawas, San Jose.

ISHIMINE—July 10, a girl to the Hideo Ishimines, Long Beach.

ISHIZAWA—June 13, a girl Lori Dawn to the Noboru Ishizawas (Catherine Sakaye Motooka), Los Angeles.

IWASA—July 20, a boy to the Dr. George Iwasas, Ontario, Ore.

IWATA—June 17, a boy Burton Tadao to the Richard Hiroshi Iwatas (Vickie Katsuko Hata), Los Angeles.

KATAOKA—July 4, a boy to the Ichiro Kataokas, Selma.

KAWABATA—July 17, a boy to the Hisao Kawabatas, San Francisco.

KAWAHARA—July 5, a girl to the K. Kawaharas, Long Beach.

KAWAHARA—June 11, a boy Paul Yukio to the Toshiyuki Kawaharas (Mitsuko Iwamoto), Los Angeles.

KIKKAWA—July 11, a girl to the Hiroshi Kikkawas, Pasadena.

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KUNIHIRO—July 20, a girl Gale Susan to the Matt Kunihiros, San Luis Obispo.

KUNITAKE—June 12, a girl Nancy Lynn to the George Kunitakes (Kay Hatsune Kozasa), Los Angeles.

LAI—June 23, a boy Alan Gee to the Arthur Gee Laiss (Martha Masako Tomita), Los Angeles.

MANO—June 24, a girl Katherine Junko to the Katsumi Manos (Miyoko Hirata), Los Angeles.

MAYEKAWA—June 20, a boy Donald Shizuo to the Joseph Mayekawas (Yoshiko Ito), Los Angeles.
MIURA—June 20, a girl Adrienne Miyo to the Toshio Anthony Miuras (Ruri Janice Ishigami), Los Angeles.
MIYAKE—June 17, a girl to the George Miyakes, Anaheim.
MORI—July 25, a girl Susan Suzuki to the Masao Moris (Grace Fujiko Takahashi), Los Angeles.
MORISAKI—July 10, a boy to the Henry K. Morisakis.
MURAKAMI—July 17, a girl Dale to the Yoshitake Murakamis, Newark, Calif.
MURATA—July 8, a girl Sharon Kikuko to the Ross Muratas, Campbell.

NAKAGAWA—July 17, a boy to the Tom Nakagawas, Fowler.

NAKAMURA—July 19, a boy Howard Tsugio to the Teruo Nakamuras, Lodi.
NAKAMURA—June 24, a girl to the Donald Nakamuras, Sanger.
OKUDA—July 8, a boy to the Masato Okudas, Mountain View.
SAKAGUCHI—July 15, a boy to the Taylor Sakaguchis, Kingsburg.

Twin infants die

Lodi

Day-old twin daughters, Diane Akemi and Jo Ann Midori, of Mr. and Mrs. Masuwo Okuhara, 113 S. Stockton St., died last week. Funeral services were held Thursday.

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EDITORIALS

Japan Tie-Up

"Japan plans tie-up with Red China" or headlines of that sort were on the front pages this week. The story quotes Prime Minister Yoshida's right-hand man—Hayato Ikeda, secretary-general of the Liberal Party.

Because American policy in the Far East has failed to contain communism, the party is considering the policies of Britain as best suited for Japan.

International problems are not our particular purview, but that it shouldn't concern the Nisei in America is no attitude to embrace. If anything, the concern should be very deep and thorough.

Japanese language schools and the last war may be a blessing in that many Nisei have spent several years in Japan as linguists. What happens in Japan, to them, has a very real meaning. Nisei engaged in foreign trade, travel agencies and those with close relatives or members of family there have an even greater interest.

One of the basic policies to be discussed at the forthcoming National JACL Convention in Los Angeles will deal with JACL's attitude with respect to the Japanese government. It behooves those Nisei who are acquainted with politics in Japan to share their experiences and first-hand knowledge of Japan with many of their kind never there.

While the convention will only delineate the attitude of the organization proper, undoubtedly it will be the studied consensus of the majority of Nisei minds. Whereas we can be grateful that Japanese cultural heritage is most welcomed in American standards of everyday living, a cautious eye must be kept in the Far East in the sphere of politics—lest it encroaches and upsets the other spheres of interest.

New Citizens

This week, the Los Angeles office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service is calling 300 Issei petitioners for citizenship. In a way, it represents the backlog of new citizens in this area.

Had this backlog been cleared months ago, conceivably it could have encouraged even more to have petitioned and be naturalized. Many of the parent generation have attended Americanization classes in past years, but the noticeable delay was discouraging.

It is hoped that the joy of these 300 petitioners can revive the spirit of the other hundreds to become naturalized soon.

FROM THE FRYING PAN

by Bill Hosokawa

For Youth in Japan

Denver

Tamotsu Murayama, once likened unto Floyd Gibbons for his faults as well as his reportorial enthusiasm and driving energy, was in town over the weekend. As every PC reader knows by now, Murayama is on leave from his job as city editor of the Nippon Times to attend a training session of world-wide Boy Scout leaders.

His efforts on behalf of the Scout movement is a heartening story. The Scouts, you may recall, were abolished in Japan some months before Pearl Harbor as a foreign importation dangerous to the youth of Dai Nippon. That unfortunate land was riding the crest of militarism and nationalism, and the boys in kerchiefs and shorts had to bow out before the extremists as did baseball, dance halls and good Scotch whiskey.

Murayama was among those, in the weeks after the surrender of September, 1945, who was appalled by the disintegration in defeated Japan. The very things and standards that an entire generation had been brought up on disappeared in a puff of burning cordite, were outlawed by the Occupation, or shunned by the Japanese themselves as evil. Family ties weakened. Bewildered youngsters milled around in a daze, presenting easy targets for delinquency. Murayama and his associates saw the Boy Scouts as the salvation of Japanese youth.

And so the Scout movement was reactivated in Japan in December, 1945, three months after war's end. Youngsters throughout the country began the job of memorizing the Scout oath and law, in the process gaining a sense of democracy as well as regaining necessary discipline, relearning that all was not bitterness and frustration. Two years later the Occupation officially endorsed the Japanese Boy Scouts, and in 1949 they were restored to the international Scout organization.

The Boy Scouts could very well have been one of the great influences that saved the youth of Japan. And Murayama deserves credit for being among those who had the foresight to help the movement along.

Murayama also expressed himself as highly pleased that congress is permitting war-stranded Nisei, who voted in postwar elections, to regain their American citizenship. The edict that barred those Nisei from establishing U.S. citizenship was a grave error, he says. Prior to the first postwar elections, Murayama recalls, Occupation officials exhorted everyone to demonstrate their readiness to cooperate by going to the polls. Who was more willing to cooperate with the Americans than the Nisei? So they voted.

In other cases the "Tonarigumi," neighborhood associations, urged the Nisei in their districts to lead the way to the polls. "The others will follow you," they were told, "for you are familiar with this great scheme known as democracy, and the Occupation authorities are anxious that we accept it."

And so, knowing not that they were hurting their own aspirations to return to the United States, they voted. Months later they were told they had exiled themselves by the act of participating to that small extent in the rebirth of Japanese democracy. Murayama predicts that many hundreds, perhaps thousands of Nisei in Japan will step forward to claim their birthright of United States citizenship.

The crowd that turned out in Denver to hear Murayama, mostly Issei, demonstrated that he is a personality with a following beyond the limitations of his current job. This Nisei, educated largely in Japan and with a deep insight into both Japanese and American minds, can be a great influence in promoting understanding between the United States and Japan. He has a tremendous opportunity before him, calling for both good and frankness.

VAGARIES

By Larry Tajiri

Press in Li'l Tokio

Denver

The other day PC Editor Harry Honda forwarded to us a copy of Gene Burd's article on Japanese American bilingual journalism in Los Angeles, *The Japanese Press—A Dual Personality*, in the *California Sun* magazine, the annual publication of the graduate journalism department at UCLA. Reporter Burd went to Little Tokyo in downtown Los Angeles to get his facts and found what he calls a "dying community"—"... strangled by web-like freeways and undermined by monstrous bulldozers, it is being embalmed under the asphalt of progress. Its shops lack the luster and loudness of the rampant twenties, when Little Tokyo was the voice of new Japanese immigrants and 12 Japanese newspapers blazed bold editorials and championed immigrant causes . . ."

We can't remember when the Japanese American community ever had 12 newspapers, but there was one winter in the early 1930s when there were four dailies, the *Rafu Shimpo*, *Kashu Mainichi*, *New Japanese American News* and the *Hochi*—and that was competition enough for the favors of the 40,000 persons of Japanese ancestry then residing in the Los Angeles area. The Los Angeles papers also were in direct competition in Central California with three San Francisco dailies, the

Japanese American News, *New World* and the *Hokubei Asahi*.

All of these basically Japanese vernacular newspapers had English sections, ranging in size from a half-page to a page and a half daily, and these English-language supplements were the training grounds for many of the Nisei who still are doing some sort of writing for a living.

The first English sections were pioneered by the *Japanese American News* in San Francisco, by Yas Abiko, now editor of the *Nichi Bei Times* of San Francisco, Kimpei Sheba (editor of the *Asahi Evening News* of Tokyo), and Kay Nishida, and in Los Angeles by the *Rafu Shimpo* under Louise Suski. Ken Tashiro in Los Angeles and Haruo Imura and Franklyn Sugiyama in San Francisco were the first sports editors.

The impact of these Nisei-edited English language sections upon the Nisei as a whole would seem to be an interesting subject for sociological research. It is to be doubted that any other single American racial and linguistic minority has had the opportunity and access to information regarding their particular problems that the Nisei have had through their bilingual dailies. On Pearl Harbor day in 1941 there were eight bilingual Japanese American dailies, two all-Japanese dailies and at least nine weeklies and semi-weeklies published for a total population in the continental United States of 128,000. It was little wonder that government officials were to comment that the Nisei were the best-informed single group in the country regarding their own status and problems.

The Nisei papers, almost without exception, were edited with a sense of group responsibility. Problems, domestic or international, were approached from the standpoint of the Nisei as an American. The editorial attitude of the English sections helped shape the behavior pattern of the Nisei in World War II.

In the nearly three decades since the first English supplement appeared in a Japanese vernacular newspaper, these Nisei sections have not paid their way. For example, there is no all-English newspaper for the Nisei group although there are several weeklies. The Issei have been the *raison d'être* of the Japanese American press from the time of the first papers a half-century ago and will continue to be for a decade to come. The English sections, of course, have not been maintained simply as

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DECADE AGO

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Six Nisei soldiers win citation at Saipan; disclose Japanese Americans participated in capture of important isle in Marianas.

Non-Japanese youth (Ralph Lazo of Los Angeles) lived in Manzanar camp as Nisei for two years; released to be inducted into military service.

Federal district court jury convicts three sisters (Mrs. Tsuruko Wallace, Mrs. Florence Otani and Mrs. Billie Tanigoshi) on charge of conspiracy to commit treason; defendants ruled not guilty of treason charge as German POWs claimed to be anti-Nazi.

Methodist preacher protests prejudice and intolerance displayed in Cody, Wyo.

Motion picture actor Lee Tracy helped recruit Nisei volunteers for combat team; ex-captain "happy" over reports of Nisei fighters in Italy.

Pfc. Thomas Higa of 100th Infantry goes on speaking tour for JACL.

War Dept. cites combat record of Japanese American infantry battalion in Italy; only 2 members taken prisoner during 10 month campaign.

MINORITY

It has been estimated as many as 30,000 Mexican wetbacks may be in the Chicago area. Immigration officials offered to provide them with "free-passage" letters if they would return voluntarily to Mexico. The letters would guarantee safe passage of the bearer to Mexico.

Irv Kupcinet of the Chicago Sun-Times reports Lt. Genevieve de Galard-Terraube, the "Angel of Dienbienphu," sadly shook her head as she learned of the discriminatory practices in some Chicago nursing schools. Despite the nursing shortage, she was told half the nursing schools bar minority groups, essentially Negroes and Orientals.

Seven of the 11 railroads cited by the NAACP complaint filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission admit they maintain segregated facilities for Negro passengers at ICC hearings last week. The companies claim they do so where laws require this separation but also claims that facilities provided for Negroes are equal to those provided for white passengers . . . NAACP attorneys, for the purpose of the hearing, conceded that facilities were equal, but asked if the railroads had the right to segregate passengers in interstate travel.

Negro leaders, summoned to Mississippi's first official interracial conference by Gov. Hugh White, rejected a "voluntary" Jim Crow system of public school education, which many white Southerners sought to circumvent the May 17 Supreme Court decision.